Allocation of fertilizers to States

171. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand *vis-a-vis* allocation of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) pertaining to States which witnessed substantial rainfall during October, 2009 and are expecting good rabi crop;

(b) the details of demand and supply of other fertilizers, *viz* Single Super Phosphate (SSP) and Urea during the sowing seasons: 2007-08, 2008-09 and current year's estimation, State-wise;

(c) whether the Minimum retail price (MRP) cap on SSP has been removed by Government; and

(d) the details and rationale thereof, indicating price difference between pre and post removal of MRP of SSP and its impact on agriculture production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The demand and allocation (Availability) of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) in major States during October, 2009 is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The State-wise demand and supply (Availability) of Urea during the year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (April' 09 to October' 09) is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below). As regards Single Super Phosphate (SSP), the Department of Fertilizers does not monitor the availability of SSP.

(c) Yes. In place of the existing uniform Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of Rs.3400/- per metric tonne (PMT) throughout in the country, Government of India has decided on 13th August, 2009 to leave the selling price of SSP open with effect from 1st October, 2009.

(d) The basic objective of the policy dated 13th August, 2009 is to enhance production and availability of SSP all over the States in the country. Most of the SSP manufacturing units are limited only in 7 States. The policy as such is aimed at to give freedom to the manufacturers to produce SSP out of the indigenous and imported Rock Phosphate and sell it at the MRP fixed by them, anywhere in India based on their production cost plus transportation and distribution and other costs. The open MRP will provide flexibility to the manufacturer/ marketer by way of differential selling price to sell SSP in different States to cover their freight. It will give wide option to the farmers also to choose the brand of SSP of their choice, as the manufacturers shall be able to sell their quantity far and wide in the country. SSP is being sold at different prices ranging between Rs.4000/- PMT to Rs.6000/-PMT depending upon the distance from site of production and the State where the supply is effected.

The impact due to change in policy on pricing on SSP on agricultural production is yet to be assessed.

Statement-I

State-wise demand of DAP in October '09

Rabi 2009 (Figure in 000'MT)

States	October 2009				
	Requirement	*DAP stock Pre-positioned for Rabi 09	Receipts	Availability (3)+(4)	Sales
Andhra Pradesh	200.00	94.96	98.53	193.49	88.62
Karnataka	90.00	165.37	23.33	188.70	24.19
Kerala	5.26	1.40	2.62	4.02	3.11
Tamil Nadu	85.00	0.93	27.12	28.05	27.80
Gujarat	135.00	66.37	62.06	128.43	71.62
Madhya Pradesh	182.26	148.56	92.17	240.73	83.30
Chhattisgarh	8.15	52.71	5.39	58.10	9.02
Maharashtra	179.50	447.98	55.12	503.10	55.63
Rajasthan	150.00	2.21	131.73	133.94	132.59
Haryana	225.00	110.27	142.99	253.26	149.24
Punjab	350.00	182.72	175.25	357.97	175.80
Jammu & Kashmir	21.00	0.00	3.47	3.47	3.46
Uttar Pradesh	375.00	235.79	196.93	432.72	199.24
Uttarakhand	4.00	12.67	1.48	14.15	1.41
Bihar	60.00	2.48	52.09	54.57	49.74
Jharkhand	12.50	0.61	14.35	14.96	13.38
Orissa	5.00	48.59	5.19	53.78	7.38
West Bengal	31.30	23.81	30.97	54.78	32.81
Assam	1.80	0.21	2.58	2.79	2.58
ALL INDIA	2125.63	1597.69	1124.31	2722.00	1131.88

* Stocks pre-positioned upto 30th September, 2009 have been sold to State Marketing Federations, wholesellers etc.

Statement-II

State-wise requirement and Availability of Urea

Name of State	Urea					
	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 (April '09 to October '09)	
	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability	Requirement	Availability
Andhra Pradesh	27.50	26.84	27.50	27.84	16.50	15.04
Karnataka	12.80	13.63	13.50	12.88	9.20	9.44
Kerala	1.40	1.44	1.49	1.68	1.10	1.04
Tamil Nadu	9.85	9.68	10.37	11.28	5.85	4.81
Gujarat	17.25	18.37	18.65	18.69	10.85	10.33
Madhya Pradesh	13.75	14.76	15.75	13.83	8.18	7.83
Chhattisgarh	5.90	6.17	5.40	5.23	4.56	4.22
Maharashtra	21.20	23.05	23.25	22.84	16.45	16.17
Rajasthan	14.70	13.83	15.10	13.21	6.98	6.34
Haryana	18.75	19.30	19.90	17.59	9.95	8.90
Punjab	25.00	26.97	25.50	26.28	15.50	14.14
Uttar Pradesh	55.00	54.37	55.00	55.74	28.00	27.75
Uttaranchal	2.30	2.42	2.30	2.22	1.17	1.21
Jammu and Kashmir	1.40	1.19	1.35	1.28	0.96	0.54
Bihar	20.00	19.40	21.25	18.33	10.30	8.89
Jharkhand	2.10	1.67	2.00	1.57	1.45	1.09
Orissa	5.50	5.19	5.50	4.74	4.25	3.93
West Bengal	12.95	12.45	13.00	11.94	5.79	5.79
Assam	2.30	1.99	2.40	2.30	1.33	1.37
ALL INDIA	271.70	274.26	281.34	270.88	159.70	149.80

Viability status of BVFCL and APCL

172. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: